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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TERRE HAUTE RESIDENT CHARGED WITH POSSESSING
FIREARMS AND PIPE BOMBS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES E. HOWELL, JR., 35, Terre Haute, Indiana, was indicted late yesterday by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for possessing four firearms, 271 rounds of ammunition, and four pipe bombs, following an investigation by the Indiana State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

The indictment alleges in the first five counts that on September 2, 2004, HOWELL possessed four firearms and 271 rounds of ammunition. The indictment alleges that HOWELL was convicted of felonies in 1994, for possessing cocaine, dealing marijuana, and receiving

stolen property, and in 2001, for possessing methamphetamine. Therefore, HOWELL could not lawfully possess either firearms or ammunition.

Count six of the indictment alleges that HOWELL possessed four pipe bombs that consisted of cylinder pieces, black powder, metal pieces, a fuse and end caps.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, HOWELL, JR. faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for each count. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Terre Haute.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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